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1. PRESIDENT CHIANG CONCERNED ABOUT ENFORCEMENT OF VAT:

- CENTRAL DAILY NEWS, CHINA TIMES, FRONT PAGE HEADLINES;
 MOST PAPERS: PRESIDENT CHIANG CHING-KUO RECENTLY
 INSTRUCTED THE EY TO PREVENT ABNORMAL COMMODITY PRICE
 FLUCTUATIONS WHEN THE NEW VALUE ADDED TAX BECOMES
 EFFECTIVE. THE EY HAS DISCUSSED HOW TO LESSEN THE
 POSSIBLE INFLATION VAT MAY CAUSE WITH RELEVANT
 DEPARTMENTS. THESE INCLUDED THE CENTRAL BANK AND THE
 FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRIES.

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2. DOMESTIC OIL PRICES SHOULD BE CUT FURTHER:

- UNITED DAILY NEWS, COMMERCIAL TIMES, ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS, FRONT PAGE HEADLINES; MOST PAPERS: IN A REPORT TO THE CONTROL YUAN, CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION CHAIRMAN CHEN YAO-SHENG SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE LATEST OIL PRICE CALCULATION, EACH BARREL OF OIL CPC PURCHASES WILL COST USD17.5 ON THE AVERAGE, WHICH REPRESENTS A USD9.5 REDUCTION OVER THE 1985 PRICES. THIS IS USD3 LESS THAN THE PRICES LISTED BY THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRY IN ITS SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT ON PRICE CUTS ON DOMESTIC OIL WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT MARCH 12.

- TAIWAN TIMES, FRONT PAGE HEADLINE; SOME PAPERS: A NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS CALLED FOR A THIRD REDUCTION OF LOCAL OIL PRICES. THEY SAID INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICES HAVE DROPPED OVER 50 PERCENT SINCE LAST YEAR, BUT THE TWO REDUCTIONS ANNOUNCED BY MOEA MERELY ACCOUNTED FOR 14.2 PERCENT OF THE REDUCTION RATE. THEY SAID THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD FURTHER CUT LOCAL OIL PRICES.

- TAIWAN TIMES, SOME PAPERS: A NUMBER OF CONTROL YUAN MEMBERS DEMANDED MOEA AND CPC MAKE A LARGER REDUCTION IN DOMESTIC OIL PRICES.

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LI TA-HAI SAID HIS MINISTRY WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER A THIRD REDUCTION IN LOCAL OIL PRICES, BUT SUCH A REDUCTION DEPENDS ON CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE LAST TWO REDUCTIONS WERE REASONABLE AND PROPER. HE SAID ALL CPC PROFITS ARE TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND THE INCREASE IN SUCH INCOMES WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

VICE ECONOMIC MINISTER LI MO SAID HIS MINISTRY WILL WORK OUT A LONG-TERM, OVERALL OIL PRICE ADJUSTMENT POLICY TO ACCOMMODATE CONTINUOUS CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICES.

3. FM CHU REITERATES TAIWAN'S POSITION ON ADB NAME ISSUE:

- CENTRAL DAILY NEWS, CNA TAIPEI; MOST PAPERS: FOREIGN MINISTER CHU FU-SUNG SAID HE DOES NOT THINK THAT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 TAIPEI 01688

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ACCEPTING THE ADB ARRANGEMENT ON TAIWAN'S NAME WILL ENABLE TAIWAN TO REJOIN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NOR DOES HE THINK THAT THE AUTHORITIES' POSITION ON THE NAME ISSUE WILL FURTHER ISOLATE TAIWAN FROM INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY.

IN A REPORT TO LEGISLATORS DURING AN LY MEETING YESTERDAY, CHU SAID HIS MINISTRY HAD CAREFULLY STUDIED THE POSSIBILITY OF TAIWAN'S REJOINING OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IF TAIWAN ACCEPTS THE NAME CHANGE. HIS MINISTRY HAS FOUND THAT THE PRC IS TRYING HARD TO PREVENT TAIWAN FROM JOINING OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT THE PRC WILL NOT TOLERATE TAIWAN'S REJOINING ORGANIZATIONS SHE BELONGED TO BEFORE LEAVING THE U.N. BESIDES, THE U.N. HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED THE PRC AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA. THIS RESOLUTION

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STILL APPLIES TO ORGANIZATIONS HAVING A RELATIONSHIP
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CHU SAID THE PRC HAS ISSUED A FIVE-POINT SECRET MEMORANDUM TO THE ADB. THERE ARE TWO POINTS WHICH MAKE THE RESOLUTION DIFFICULT FOR TAIWAN TO ACCEPT: THE FIRST IS THAT THE PRC WILL JOIN THE ADB AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA; WHEN THE PRC FORMALLY BECOMES A MEMBER, TAIWAN MUST CHANGE ITS NAME TO "CHINA, TAIPEI." THE SECOND IS THAT EVEN IF TAIWAN CALLS ITSELF "ROC" IN THE LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS WHICH IT SENDS TO THE ADB, THE ADB MUST CHANGE THAT REFERENCE TO "CHINA, TAIPEI." CHU STRESSED THAT A COUNTRY IS LIKE A MAN: A MAN CANNOT ACCEPT THE RANDOM CHANGING OF HIS NAME. NO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAS THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. HE SAID THE PRC IS ATTEMPTING TO SUBJUGATE TAIWAN TO THE STATUS OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT. (THE CENTRAL DAILY NEWS CARRIED AN EDITORIAL SAYING THE AUTHORITIES' REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE ADB ARRANGEMENT IS CORRECT. IT CALLED ON THE ADB TO BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE ADB IS A NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. IT SAID THAT IT SHOULD RESPECT THE ADB CHARTER AND CONSIDER THE BASIC RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF ITS MEMBER (TAIWAN). IT URGED THE ADB TO FIND A FAIR AND REASONABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAME ISSUE.

- CENTRAL DAILY NEWS, MOST PAPERS: IN A REPORT TO THE LY, FOREIGN MINISTER CHU FU-SUNG SAID BOTH TAIWAN AND THE NEW PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ALREADY EXISTING COOPERATION. HE SAID AFTER THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED, TAIWAN'S PACIFIC ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTER CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE LIU TZUNG-HAN HAD ALREADY MET AND DISCUSSED COOPERATION MATTERS WITH THE RP PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER.

CHU ALSO SAID TAIWAN HOPES TO DEVELOP A SEMI-OFFICIAL OR IF POSSIBLE, EVEN AN OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTRIES HAVING NO OFFICIAL TIES WITH TAIWAN. HE SAID THAT TAIWAN HAS ALREADY SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF ECUADOR, LIBYA AND MAURITIUS TO USE THE NAME "ROC" IN THE OFFICES WHICH TAIWAN HAS IN THESE COUNTRIES.

4. FY87 BUDGET LISTED; DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON TOP LIST:

- YOUTH DAILY NEWS, FRONT PAGE HEADLINE; MOST PAPERS: THE EY HAS WORKED OUT THE FY87 GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND SUBMITTED IT TO THE LY FOR APPROVAL. WITH NTD433.2 BILLION FOR BOTH EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE, THE BUDGET IS AN INCREASE OF 5.1 PERCENT OVER FY86. NTD160.3 BILLION IN EXPENDITURES ARE ESTIMATED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE AND DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS, A 37 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE FY86 BUDGET. THIS IS THE MAIN ITEM IN NATIONAL SPENDING IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. HOWEVER, THE EY SAID THE BUDGET FOR DEFENSE AND DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS IS IN FACT AN NTD920 MILLION DECREASE OVER FY86.

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- SOME PAPERS: FOR FY87 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS,

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THE EY HAS LISTED A BUDGET OF NTD101.35 BILLION. THE BUDGET WILL BE USED TO CARRY OUT 14 MAJOR ECONOMIC PROJECTS.

- SOME PAPERS: THE EY ESTIMATED THAT ANNUAL PER CAPITA GNP WILL AMOUNT TO USD3,462 IN FY87, AN INCREASE OF 7.2 PERCENT OVER FY86.

- CHINA TIMES: THE EY HAS PREDICTED THAT THE LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE FOR FY87 WILL RISE TO 5.97 PERCENT AS A RESULT OF THE GRADUAL ECONOMIC REVIVAL.

5. DAVID DEAN ON TAIWAN'S EFFORTS IN REDUCING TRADE IMBALANCE:

- CHINA TIMES, TAIWAN TIMES, CNA WASHINGTON: AIT CHAIRMAN DAVID DEAN SAID IN A MARCH 14 HEARING HELD BY THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON THAT TAIWAN HAS CONSIDERED BUYING CIVILIAN PLANES AND OTHER MAJOR ITEMS FROM THE U.S. IN A BID TO REDUCE THE U.S.-TAIWAN TRADE DEFICIT. HE SAID THE AMERICAN TRADE CENTER IN TAIPEI HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN ASSISTING IN THE REDUCTION OF THE TRADE IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TAIWAN. DEAN WAS ASKED TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE INCREASE IN THE AIT BUDGET FOR FY87. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED FOR A BUDGET OF USD11.1 MILLION FOR AIT FOR FY87, AN INCREASE OF USD1.3 MILLION OVER FY86. DEAN SAID AIT NEEDS THAT LARGE BUDGET TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC, TRADE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN.

6. U.S.-TAIWAN TRADE MAY HIT USD24 BILLION IN 1986:

- TAIWAN TIMES: THE U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT PREDICTED THAT TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TAIWAN WILL REACH USD24 BILLION BY THE END OF 1986, AN INCREASE OF SIX PERCENT OVER 1985. IT SAID THE GROWTH RATE OF THE TRADE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MAY SLOW DOWN, IN PART, BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF TAIWAN AUTHORITIES.

7. U.S.-TAIWAN TRADE RESTRICTION DISPUTES:

- ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS: AN AMERICAN BUYER WHO CAME TO TAIWAN RECENTLY TO PURCHASE LOCAL GOODS INDICATED THAT THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT STRICTER INSPECTION ON QUANTITY, COMPONENTS AND PRICES OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS IMPORTED TO THE U.S. IF ANY OF THESE ITEMS LISTED ON THE CUSTOMS DOCUMENTS ARE FOUND INCORRECT OR CONTRADICT THE ACTUAL TRANSACTION, THEY WILL BE REJECTED BY U.S. CUSTOMS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS EVEN INSTALLED A HOT LINE AND OFFERED ATTRACTIVE REWARDS TO THOSE WHO REPORT VIOLATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND TRANSACTION REGULATIONS.

- ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS: THREE AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS FILED AN ANTI-DUMPING CHARGE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION REGARDING TAIWAN, JAPAN AND BRAZIL'S DUMPING BUTT-WELD PIPE JOINTS ON THE U.S. MARKETS.

- COMMERCIAL TIMES, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT LOUISA JAN: ITC HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT HARTMAN LUGGAGE COMPANY'S CHARGE AGAINST TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA FOR THEIR INFRINGEMENT OF THE TRADEMARK, SHAPE, DESIGN AND PACKING OF THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS.

8. SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE KMT 3RD PLENARY MEETING:

- CHINA TIMES, PROFESSOR CHEN CHING OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: THE THIRD PLENARY MEETING OF THE 12TH KMT CONGRESS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 29 IN TAIPEI. EXPECTATIONS THAT THIS MEETING WILL PRODUCE MANY RESULTS

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ARE HIGH. BEFORE THE MEETING CONVENES, THERE SHOULD BE A CONSENSUS ON CERTAIN IMPORTANT CONCEPTS. FIRST, WE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON THE PRC'S INTERNAL CHAOS OR BACKWARDNESS IN OUR SEARCH FOR SURVIVAL. IN OTHER WORDS, WE SHOULD NOT BE HAPPY BECAUSE OF THE BACKWARDNESS OF THE PRC, NOR SHOULD WE WORRY WHEN THE PRC IS MAKING PROGRESS. IN FACT, THE TWO SIDES OF THE TAIWAN STRAIT HAVE BEEN IN PEACEFUL COMPETITION FOR SOME TIME. THIS UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 TAIPEI 01688

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DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE ADVOCATING A "TWO CHINA" POLICY. IT IS ONLY THAT WE SHOULD NOT BASE OUR SUCCESS ON THE DEFECTS OF OTHERS.

SECOND, UNDER THE EXISTING BASIC NATIONAL POLICY, THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE FOREIGN POLICY. TODAY CHINA IS A WEAK COUNTRY. IT HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO MANIPULATE THE WORLD SITUATION. THE PRC HAS TRIED ITS BEST TO ISOLATE TAIWAN. A FLEXIBLE FOREIGN POLICY IS THUS NECESSARY.

THIRD, THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CONSTRUCTIVE PUBLIC OPINION. THE RULING PARTY HERE SEEMS TO LACK SYSTEMATIC AND LONG-TERM KNOWLEDGE OF CERTAIN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. IT SHOULD TRY TO RENOVATE THE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM. REGARDING THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ISSUE, THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT MERELY FOLLOW THE "THREE NOS" POLICY. THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER ADB MEMBERS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETINGS TO SHOW THAT TAIWAN IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT ADB AFFAIRS AND TO CONTINUE FRIENDSHIPS.

9. THIRTEEN OPPOSITION TPA MEMBERS JOIN FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- CHINA TIMES: THIRTEEN OF THE 15 OPPOSITION, TAIWAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS HAVE APPLIED TO JOIN THE TPA FINANCE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ELECT AN OPPOSITION CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

10. TAIPEI RESIDENTS SATISFIED WITH OFFICIALS:

- UNITED DAILY NEWS: IN AN OPINION POLL OF 408 TAIPEI RESIDENTS, 47 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED ARE SATISFIED WITH HOW OFFICIALS ANSWER LEGISLATIVE QUERIES. 51 PERCENT ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE LY IS HOLDING ITS GENERAL INTERPELLATION SESSION; 61 OF THOSE QUESTIONED WERE INTERESTED IN THE INTERPELLATION. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOW:

1. DO YOU KNOW THE LY IS HOLDING A MEETING?
YES: 54 PCT; NO: 46 PCT

2. DO YOU KNOW THE LY IS HOLDING ITS GENERAL INTERPELLATION SESSION? YES: 51 PCT; NO: 49 PCT

3. ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE GENERAL INTERPELLATION?
VERY MUCH: 31 PCT; QUITE CONCERNED: 30 PCT; A LITTLE: 19 PCT; DON'T CARE: 10 PCT; NOT REALLY: 3 PCT; DO NOT KNOW: 7 PCT

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4. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE INTERPELLATION?

VERY MUCH: 7 PCT ; A LITTLE: 24 PCT; NOT QUITE: 14 PCT;
QUITE DISSATISFIED: 7 PCT; NOT REALLY: 12 PCT; DON'T
KNOW: 40 PCT

5. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF
THE LEGISLATORS?

VERY MUCH: 7 PCT; A LITTLE: 30 PCT; NOT QUITE: 18 PCT;
QUITE DISSATISFIED: 5 PCT; NOT REALLY: 17 PCT; DO NOT
KNOW: 23 PCT

6. WHICH LEGISLATORS DO YOU THINK ARE THE BEST?

19 PCT GAVE LEGISLATORS' NAMES; 55 PCT: DON'T KNOW; 6
PCT: ALL ARE GOOD; NOT CERTAIN: 10 PCT; NOT GOOD AT
ALL: 7 PCT; OTHERS: 3 PCT

7. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIALS
DURING INTERPELLATION?

VERY MUCH: 14 PCT; A LITTLE: 33 PCT; NOT QUITE: 18
PCT; QUITE DISSATISFIED: 3 PCT; NOT REALLY: 7 PCT;
DO NOT KNOW: 25 PCT

WHICH OFFICIALS DO YOU THINK ARE THE BEST?

NAMES GIVEN: 31 PCT; DO NOT KNOW: 46 PCT; ALL ARE
GOOD: 11 PCT; NOT CERTAIN: 4 PCT; NOT GOOD AT ALL: 7
PCT; OTHERS: 1 PCT

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11. RURAL, TOWN, VILLAGE CHIEF ELECTIONS TO BE HELD
JUNE 14:

- UNITED DAILY NEWS: THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL ELECTION
COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE ELECTIONS OF PEOPLE'S
REPRESENTATIVES FOR RURAL AREAS, TOWNS AND CITIES UNDER
THE JURISDICTIONS OF COUNTY, VILLAGE AND NEIGHBORHOOD
CHIEFS ON JUNE 14.

12. SENATOR CRANSTON TO VISIT TAIWAN:

- CHINA TIMES, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT NORMAN FU: A
GROUP OF U.S. SENATORS INCLUDING DEMOCRAT PARTY DEPUTY
LEADER SENATOR CRANSTON WILL ARRIVE IN TAIWAN AT THE
END OF THIS MONTH FOR A BRIEF VISIT.

13. PERSONNEL CHANGES:

- COMMERCIAL TIMES: SOURCES SAID YEN CHING-JUN,
PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA SHIPPING CORPORATION, MAY SUCCEED
CHIN CHO-MO, AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL TRUST.
CHIN WILL RETIRE ON APRIL 1 AND WILL BECOME THE ADVISO
OF CENTRAL TRUST. THAYER
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